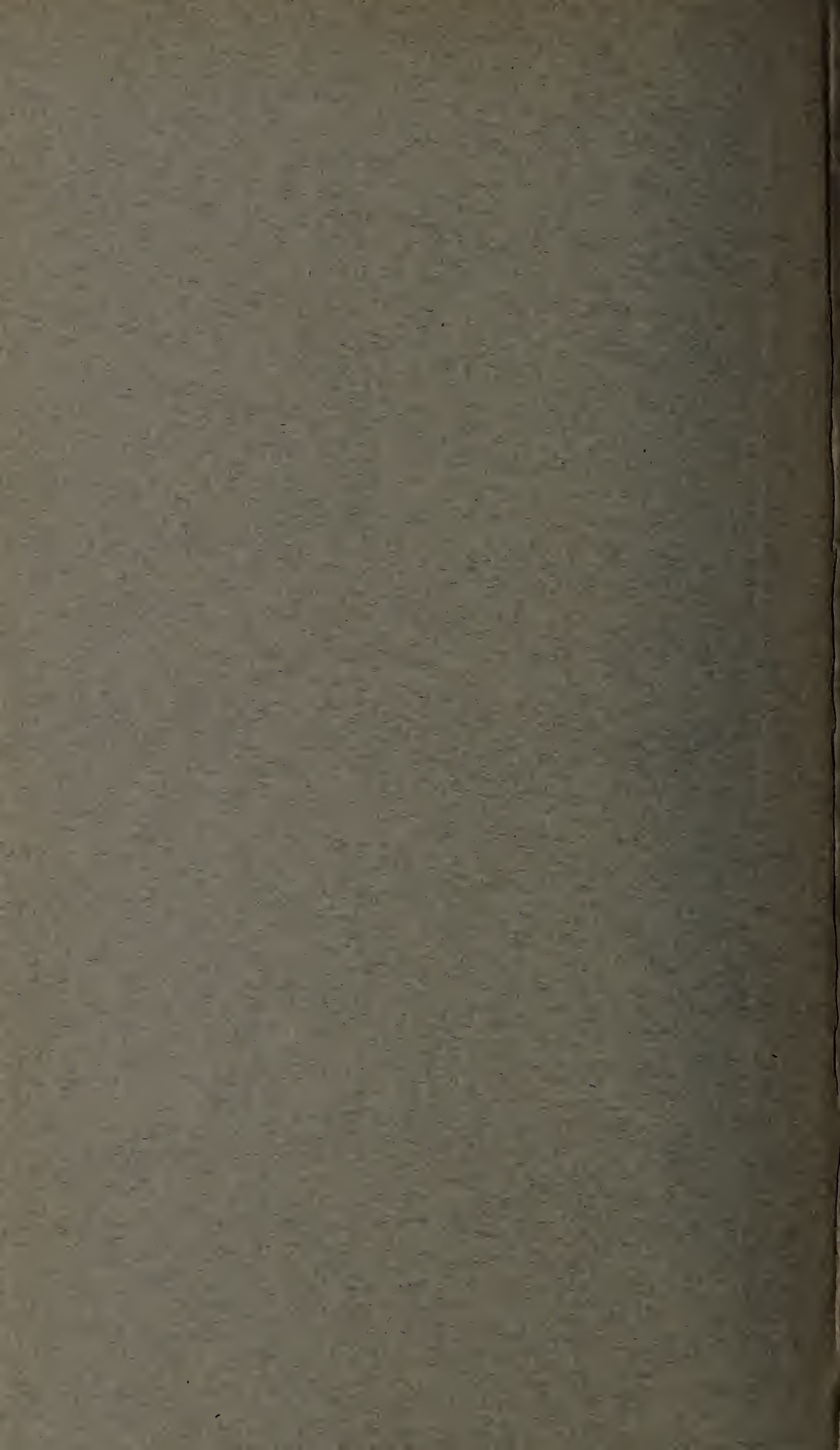


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BOSTON, February 2, 1914.

HON. JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR,— The Institutions Registration Department respectfully submits its seventeenth annual report for the year ending January 31, 1914.

There has been no change in the duties of the department.

Commitments to insane hospitals were as follows:

Boston State Hospital	660
Danvers State Hospital	61
Westborough State Hospital	196
Taunton State Hospital	120
Worcester State Hospital	143
Bridgewater State Hospital	2
Northampton State Hospital	1
Total	<u>1,183</u>

During the year 1,205 persons were sent to the Psychopathic Department of the Boston State Hospital, as follows:

Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 43, for observation	32
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 34, on warrant	11
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 42, emergency	10
Chapter 504, Acts of 1909, section 103, under indictment, ...	1
Chapter 395, Acts of 1911, temporary care	739
Chapter 307, Acts of 1910, sent by police	412
Total	<u>1,205</u>

Of the above 1,205 persons sent to the Psychopathic Department of the Boston State Hospital, 634 were afterwards committed to the various hospitals.

Of the 32 committed for observation, 19 were afterwards committed as insane.

One patient was committed to the Monson State Hospital as a dangerous epileptic.

Sane epileptic patients admitted to the Monson State Hospital numbered 24.

Commitments to the Foxborough State Hospital numbered 61; 40 were committed as inebriates; 21 as drug users.

The commitments of female inebriates numbered 34; drug users, 8.

There were sent to the Relief Station, Haymarket square, 65 persons suffering with delirium tremens.

The examining physicians of the department made 1,357 medical examinations during the year.

REMARKS.

Dr. John A. Horgan of the Out-Patient Department of the Foxborough State Hospital, whose office was formerly at 28 Court square, is now located at 3 Fayette street. Telephone, Oxford 5541.

Voluntary patients for admission should apply there. Hours for examination, 9 a. m. to 12 m., except Sunday and Monday.

The decrease in the number of patients sent to the Relief Station suffering with delirium tremens is accounted for because the Police Department within the year pursued the policy of sending all such persons who came under their care direct to the Relief Station instead of to the City Prison or House of Detention.

This arrangement is a great improvement over the former method, because it means immediate medical attention for the patient.

ADMISSIONS TO ALMSHOUSES.

State Infirmary	2,181
State Farm	64
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island	1,452
Almshouse, Charlestown	57
Total	<u>3,754</u>

The work performed by the department in relation to the admissions to almshouses cannot be set forth in an annual report. It consists of numerous details such as interviews with the applicants or their relatives or friends, their transportation, treatment, investigation of settlements, etc.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The physicians attached to this department for the examination of insane are Dr. Charles G. Dewey and Dr. William H. Prescott.

Office, 28 Court square. Hours, 10.30 to 12 o'clock.

Doctor Dewey's home address, 44 Alban street, Dorchester. Telephone, Dorchester 201.

Doctor Prescott's home address, 330 Hyde Park avenue, Jamaica Plain. Telephone, Jamaica 1370.

Application for commitment of insane is made by an official of this department to the judges of the Probate Court.

The law relating to the commitment of the insane is contained in chapter 504, Acts of 1909.

Patients are sent to the following public hospitals: Boston State Hospital, Worcester State Hospital, Taunton State Hospital, Danvers State Hospital, Westborough State Hospital, Foxborough State Hospital and Monson State Hospital.

Foxborough State Hospital is for dipsomaniacs or inebriates, and those who are so addicted to the intemperate use of narcotics or stimulants as to have lost the power of self control.

Monson State Hospital is for epileptic patients, sane and insane.

Before sending a patient to a private hospital arrangements should be made with that hospital for receiving the patient.

Patients are sent to the Boston State Hospital according to the following rules made by the State Board of Insanity:

First.— Only those patients who have been residents of Boston for ten years or more, and of such persons only those who have relatives actively interested in them and who will visit them frequently.

Second.— Other insane persons, only in emergency, whose condition does not permit the delay and exhaustion incident to the commitment to a distant state hospital.

The question of payment of patient's board has no bearing on this rule.

No person shall be committed to a hospital for the insane, public or private, unless he has been an inhabitant of the Commonwealth for six months immediately preceding the application for commitment, or provision has been made for his maintenance satisfactory to the State Board of Insanity, or by reason of insanity he would be dangerous if at large.

Commitment forms may be had by applying at the office of the Institutions Registration Department, 28 Court square, or at the office of the State Board of Insanity, Room 36, State House.

Hearings for commitment of insane are held by the judges of the Probate Court, Courthouse, Pemberton square, at twelve o'clock every day except Saturdays and legal holidays.

This rule may be somewhat modified during the months of July and August, vacation time.

When application for commitment is made it is desirable that the committing physician notify a relative of the patient (the nearest one when possible) to apply at the office of the Institutions Registration Department in order to give the necessary information required.

Arrangements for payment of board should be made with the superintendent of the hospital to which the patient is sent.

In order to be committed from Boston to a hospital for the insane the patient must reside or be in this county.

When a woman is sent to a hospital, unless accompanied by her father, husband, brother or son, one of the attendants accompanying her must be a woman.

Patients are taken to the hospitals by an official designated for that purpose, and they are taken in such a manner as to avoid all publicity.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The total amount of the appropriation was \$23,500;
amount expended, \$23,250.01.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. GAYNOR,
Institutions Registrar.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Salaries	\$15,470 93
Medical attendance	3,894 00
Transportation	1,111 50
Horsekeeping	1,843 35
Printing	315 18
Office expenses	10 90
Postage	60 53
Telephone	270 72
Food	37 75
Stationery	80 30
Newspapers, etc.	24 50
Messenger service	11 75
Car fare	117 00
Miscellaneous	1 60
Total	<u>\$23,250 01</u>

Investigations of Settlements, etc., Medical Examinations and Commitments of Insane, Epileptics and Inebriates,
Admissions to Almshouses, 1913=14.

DURING THE WEEK ENDING	Settlements Investigated for Trustees for Children.	Medical Examinations.	ADMISSIONS TO ALMSHOUSES.				COMMITMENTS.										GRAND TOTALS.			
			State Infirmary, Tewksbury.	Alms- house, Long Island.	Alms- house, Charles- town.	Totals.	Relief Hospital.	Psychopathic Department.	Boston State Hospital.	Danvers State Hospital.	Westborough State Hospital.	Taunton State Hospital.	Worcester State Hospital.	Foxborough State Hospital.	Monson State Hospital.	Bridgewater State Hospital.	Northampton State Hospital.	Totals.	Admissions and Commitments.	Settlements Investigated.
1913. February	1.....	7	4	2	11	1	7	2	17	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	19	27
	8.....	58	35	1	95	1	27	1	1	8	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	51	146	192
	15.....	33	29	1	83	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	125	159
	22.....	17	29	1	63	1	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	104	142
March	1.....	33	22	1	64	2	32	6	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	112	144
	8.....	28	27	1	62	2	31	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	109	146
	15.....	23	17	1	53	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	97	131
	22.....	13	28	1	68	2	28	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	109	136
April	29.....	42	28	1	66	2	36	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	111	142
	5.....	31	35	1	66	2	39	1	1	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	120	161
	12.....	28	27	2	81	2	51	1	1	6	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	71	152	182
	19.....	29	26	1	49	1	32	2	1	4	1	6	1	1	2	1	1	50	99	126
May	26.....	19	30	1	70	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	119	146
	3.....	27	22	1	47	3	34	10	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	101	126
	10.....	23	22	5	53	1	32	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	102	134
	17.....	18	20	3	64	1	20	8	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	101	136
June	24.....	27	27	1	70	1	30	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	118	171
	31.....	28	21	1	53	5	24	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	51	104	135
	7.....	22	26	3	62	3	35	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	112	139
	14.....	28	27	3	56	5	26	5	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	103	131
	21.....	30	24	4	63	1	36	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	116	134
	28.....	38	27	4	79	1	37	8	2	1	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	57	136	166

July	5.....	12	22	44	2	31	6	1	2	1	13	...	1	...	57	101	131
	12.....	7	30	62	3	22	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	39	101	124
	19.....	9	22	63	...	41	5	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	61	124	156
	26.....	6	23	67	1	36	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	119	141
August	2.....	11	33	65	1	32	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	57	122	162
	9.....	13	24	57	3	28	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	47	104	146
	16.....	7	21	57	...	34	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	95	124
	23.....	8	31	67	...	27	2	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	39	106	131
	30.....	11	19	56	...	30	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	100	134
September	6.....	9	15	58	1	26	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	99	122
	13.....	12	24	71	1	33	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	120	162
	20.....	10	23	69	1	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	111	142
	27.....	8	33	71	...	36	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	117	147
October	4.....	12	30	66	4	35	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	119	151
	11.....	11	31	62	2	41	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	123	162
	18.....	8	14	48	1	28	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	90	122
	25.....	13	28	77	...	25	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	122	156
November	1.....	12	35	77	3	34	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	138	172
	8.....	11	30	72	2	25	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	124	164
	15.....	6	29	77	...	32	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	119	142
	22.....	11	33	80	...	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	125	167
	29.....	7	37	89	...	28	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	125	149
December	6.....	12	44	94	1	34	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	151	185
	13.....	14	56	119	...	34	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	166	206
	20.....	11	75	98	1	38	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	157	186
	27.....	7	24	75	...	37	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	127	161
1914.																	
January	3.....	11	31	101	...	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	141	175
	10.....	9	34	103	...	32	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	153	192
	17.....	13	45	122	...	33	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	173	212
	24.....	9	33	116	...	26	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	156	181
	31.....	11	38	93	1	39	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	149	183
Totals.....		524	1,357	3,754	65	† 1,669	196	61	196	120	143	61	24	2	2,538	6,292	7,994

* Included in this number are 64 persons admitted to State Farm, Bridgewater. † Includes admissions and commitments.



